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1. Until April 1953, the bread supply in Petrich was sufficient and it could be purchased whenever wanted. During May 1953, for unknown reasons, there was a shortage of bread in the city and it was often necessary to go to the bakery four or five times, and even then bread was not found. Queues of 150-200 people were usually waiting in line.

particularly in front of the Timovata Bakery located in the center of town, near the Dürzhavno Sigurnost where lines of people were always waiting for bread. Queues were particularly long on market days, Wednesdays, because many villagers came in from Ruzhdak, Drangovo, Kulata, Mari-kostinovo, Eleshnitsa, Ograzhden, and bought sacks of bread in large quantities.

2. The people secretly expressed their displeasure and indignation at this bread shortage and were particularly resentful of the people from out of town buying up the local stocks.

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